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ORDERS AND PROCLAMATIONS FOR VIRGINIA

In Regard to Prizes, Letters of Marque and the Protection of Shipping During the War Between England and Holland, 1665, &c.

FROM THE VIRGINIA MANUSCRIPTS IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

[For other documents in regard to this war and its effect on Virginia, see this Magazine, IV, 229-245; XV, 138-147.]

INSTRUC'ONS FOR YE STORE HOUSE KEEPER OF HIS MA'TIES PLANTACON OF VIRG'A.

1. You are to receive into your Care and Custody all Tackle, Apparrell and furniture for Ships, armes, amunicon and Provision of all Goods, Wares and Merchandizes now on shore landed out of any Ship detained, seizd or taken as Prize, and to bee delivered unto you by ye Commissio'r for Prizes in his Matie Plantacon of Virg'a all w'ch takling, apparrell Merchandizes, You shall receive by severall inventories one for Every ship and goods from ye said Commiss'or, ye goods, Wares and merchandize according to their respective quantities, qualities, markes, and Numbers and therein Exprest out of what p'ticular Ship each parcell of goods come, and for ye ascertaining ye quantity you receive You shall receive all liquid goods filled up and gaged, all Weighable & measureable goods according to their exact weights and Measure, Wherein ye Care of all goods you receive shall be alsoe Exprest and ascertained Which Inventories when you have Entred in ye Commissio'rs Bookes and signed you shall send one duplicate thereof to Us, one other to ye R't Hono'ble ye Lord Ashley his Ma'ties Treasu'r, and one other Duplicate to ye R't Hono'ble S'r Henry Bennett Kn't his Ma'ties Comtroller of and upon all Prizes attested und'r your hand.

2. You shall Constantly and dilligently attend when any Prize goods are to bee landed, and together with some one or two of ye

Commisson'rs and some Officer of ye Customes make exact Inventories upon Every ship, and her Cargoe expressing ye names, Numbers, markes, quantities, and quallities of Each parcell of goods, ye ships name out of which they come, and ye masters of each ship, and see ye dammage and tare ascertained, And observe like order to measure, gage, weigh, and fill up ye said goods, as is in ye Case of Goods already above, directed and soe ye Caske made tight and where there shall bee divers ships of one Name & Place you shall receive ye directions of ye Commission'rs to affix some additionall marke, or Number of distinction, and Keep to such distinction in ye whole dispose of all ye Goods that Comes out of such ship that neither ye goods, nor markes, nor any accompts Concerned therein suffer any Confusion or disorder through your negligence in that respect, Which Inventories when you have Entred them with ye Commissio'rs, You shall likewise transmitt true Coppies of Each of them, as concerning ye Inventories herein before menconed is directed, and you shall assist ye Commissio'rs in seeing ye duties for Customes adjusted, and in such other matters Concerning the affaire as shall be necessary.

3. You are to bee pr'sent and attend at all sales to bee made of any goods in your Custody and upon Warrent from ye Commissio'rs expressing ye summe of mony being ye whole Prize of Each goods and ye true Numbers, markes, contents and quality mentioned in ye Inventory and appraizment, and ye allowance for Tare and dammage if any bee being produced to you and ye receipt or acquittance of his Ma'ties said Treasu'r, or his deputy for ye said whole mony, or Prize, you shall by your selfe, or your Knowne deputy repaire to ye said Treasu'rs Deputy and in his booke of Entrie of Acquittances, Subscribe to ye Entry of such acquittance produced to you. & write your attestacon that such acquittance hath been to you produced & express ye tyme when and ye name of ye P'son producing ye same & then taking ye receipt of ye P'son to whom they are to bee delivered, make delevery of such goods & not before. And observe ye same rule of proceeding concerning Ord'rs for restitucon of goods, and acquittances to bee produced for Repaiment of incident Charges for which such restorable goods are D'r, That all deceipt and surprize w'ch may happen to bee practized by forging acquittances, or otherwise may bee prevented.

4. You shall come every six months, or oftener if Occasion serves send accompts und'r your hand of all goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, tackle, apparrell and furniture for ships, armes, ammunicon and Provision which has bin delivered into your Custody and what is delivered out againe, Wherein you shall specifie ye ship out of w'ch Each parcell of goods came, the tyme of receipt and delivery ye markes, numbers, quantities, and quallities, appraisments, and ye prizes of what is sold and to whom, and When, and of what is restored and what remaining, and shall in such accompts certifie ye mony paid & payable for Warehouse rent, and such other things as you conceive fitt for our Observacon of each which accompts you shall also send two Duplicates one to ye said Treasur'r ye other to ye Controuller

5. You shall use you best Care and Indeavour to prevent & discover all fraude and Imbezlem'ts and rend'r your selfe serviceable to ye Commiss'r therein As there shall bee Occasion.

6. You shall upon Ord'rs for restitution of any goods deliver noe Goods out of your Custody untill a receipt bee produced unto you. Whereby it may appeare that ye mony due from such goods for incident Charges bee duely paid wherein you shall see that all Charges of Warehouse rent, and other charges incident to ye said Goods bee duely brought to ye accompt as parte of ye Charges upon ye said goods, and you shall before ye delivery acquaint ye officers of ye Customes of such Restitucon that they may take care of what shall bee due to them, And you shall spedily certifie such Restitucon and Charges to his Ma'ties said Treasu'r and Controler respectively. Dated at Whitehall this 28th ffebruary 1664.

Buckingham [1] Lauderdaill [2]

Ashley [3]

Henry Bennet [4]

Robert Southwell [5]

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[1] George Villiers (1621–1687), second Duke of Buckingham, the notorious favorite of Charles II. He, with Ashley, Lauderdale, Bennett (afterwards Lord Arlington), and Clifford, whose name does not appear in these papers, formed the infamous "Cabal" ministry, which brought England to such a depth of dishonor.

[2] John Maitland (1621–82) Earl of Lauderdale, created Duke of Lauderdale in 1672.

Appointment of Sir Wm. Berkeley as Commissioner of Prizes in Virginia.

Whereas his Ma'ty by his Commicon under ye Greate Seale of England bearing ye 6th day of January in ye 16th year of his Raigne, hath made, Constituted and appoynted Us to bee his Ma'tie Principall Commiss'rs for Prizes whilest his Ma'ty shall bee in hostillity with ye Dutch, thereby giveing Us, or any foure or more of Us full Power and authority by Commissions under our hands and seals to substitute such and soe many P'sons as his Ma'ty shall nominate to bee SubCommissio'rs for Prizes in ye Ports of London, Dover, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Bristoll, Hull, Newcastle, and such other ports and places in any his Ma'tie Domminions and Territoryes as his Ma'ty shall think fitt to have Sub-Commissioners appoynted, Wee by Virtue of ye Power to Us granted by his Ma'ties said Commission, and in pursuance of ye same have by his Ma'ties Nominacon substituted and appoynted, and by these P'sents doe substitute and appoynt you to bee a SubCommissioner for Prizes within his Ma'ties Plantacon and Island of Virg'a w'th full Power, Warrant and authority to you to doe and performe all & all manner of things to ye said Place and Office of SubCommissio'r belonging and appertaining, according to such Ord'r, directions and Instruccons as you shall from tyme to tyme receive from Us his Ma'ties said Principall commission'rs or any foure or more of Us. Given at Whithall this 25th of ffebruary, 1664-5.

Buckingham { ye seale } Alban { ye seale } { ye seale } Lauderdaiil

G. Carteret[6] { ye seale } Henry Bennet

To S'r Wm. Berkeley

Commissio'r in Virginia.

Robert Southwell.

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[6] Anthony Ashley-Cooper (1621-83), created Baron Ashley in 1661, and in 1672 Earl of Shaftesbury and Lord Chancellor of England.

APPOINTMENT OF NAVAL STOREHOUSE KEEPER IN VIRGINIA.

Whereas his Ma'ty by his Commicon under his greate Seale of England bearing date ye 6th of January in ye 16th Yeare of his Raigne hath made, constituted and appointed Us to bee his Ma'ties Principall Commisso'rs for Prizes Whilest his Ma'ty shall bee in hostillity with ye Dutch, thereby giveing Us, or any four or more of Us, full Power and authority, among other things to appoynt such Officers and Persons as Wee shall find necessary to bee employed as Store house Keepers or Ware house Keepers or in any subordinate offices or Places in ye Ports of London, Dover, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Bristoll, Hull, Newcastle and such other Ports and Places in any his Ma'ties Dominions and Territories wherein his Ma'ty shall think fitt to have SubCommissio'rs appoynted for ye Manag'ment and carrying on of that Service, Wee by Virtue of ye Power given to Us by his Ma'ties said Commison and in pursuance of ye same, have constituted and appoynted and doe by these pr'sents Constitute and appoynt you to bee Store house and Ware house Keeper for Prizes and Prize goods within his Ma'ties Plantacon of Virginia and ye District thereof, with full power, Warrant and authority to you to doe and performe all and all Manner of things belonging and appertaining according to such Orders, directions and Instruccions as you shall from tyme to tyme re-

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[4] Henry Bennett (1618-83) appointed Secretary of State 1663, created Baron of Arlington in 1663, and Earl of Arlington 1672.

[5] Sir Robert Southwell (died 1702, aged 60) was in 1663 Ambassador to Portugal, and afterwards was sent in the same capacity to Brussells. He was five times President of the Royal Society. The epitaph of William Byrd (2d) of Virginia, states that he was brought up in England "under the care and direction of Sir Robert Southwell and ever favored with his particular instructions."

[6] Sir George Carteret, who, as commander of Elizabeth Castle on the Island of Jersey, surrendered the last fortress held for the King during the Civil War. At the Restoration he was sworn of the Privy Council and appointed Vice-Chamberlain. He was Treasurer of the Navy and one of the original grantees of New Jersey. He died in 1679. His name is very familiar to the readers of Pepys.

ceive from Us his Ma'ties said Principall Commissio'rs. Given under our hands and Seales ye 25th day of ffebruary, 1664-5.

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{ the seale } Robert Southwell

To ye Storehouse Keeper in Virginia.

PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

To Our Very Loveing friend S'r Wm. Berkeley,
Kn't, Gov'r of his Ma'ties Plantacon of Virg'a:

After our very harty Commendacons. Whereas divers Merchants and Owners of Ships trading to his Ma'ties Plantacons in Virginia by their humble peticon to his Ma'ty have represented that many Vessells are gone to Virginia with goods and Servants, and that his Ma'ties greate Occasions for Seamen have enforced them to Sayle under manned, which may endanger ye Loss both of Ship and goods, Expecially if they returne Singly and without association and should happen to meet w'th Dutch men of Warr in ye Channell or elsewhere in their returne for England. Wee taking into Consideracon their just desires ffor prevencon of Loss to his Ma'ties reveneu and of ye Petitio'rs ships and goods, have thought fitt, and doe hereby pray and require you to take Especiall Care and Give Effectuall Ord'r that all Ships leading into or within ye Capes of Virginia doe associate and returne from thence in Company, for their mutuall assistance which ye one may give ye other for their better security and preservacon. And in Confidence of your ready inclination to Comply w'th our directions herein, Wee bid you hartely farewell. ffrom ye Court at Whitehall this 13th day of January, 1664.

Yo'r Loveing ffriends

J. Normond Gilt: Cant:[7] Dorchester

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[7] Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury. Like his predecessor,

E. Manchester[8] Bath
Ashley Hump: London[9]
Cna: Berkeley[10] Will Morice[11] Henry Bennett
Tho: Ingram[12]

Governor of Virginia Edw: Walker

ORDER FOR THE PROTECTION OF SHIPPING.

Charles R:

Trusty and Wellbeloved Wee greet you well, Observing the great losse our good Subjects have Sufferd this last Summer in their Voyages homewards from Virg'a by not keeping to those orders Wee had sent you for there returne in one body and Fleet Whereby Severall of them have fallen into the hands of the Dutch and are become A Prey to Single Pickaroons.[13] Wee have therefore thought fitt hereby againe Strictly to Comand you to take

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Juxson, he had connections in Virginia. In 1685 Robert Kinsey conveyed lands in York county, Va., to Daniel Sheldon, of London, Esq. By his will dated February 16, 1696, the latter left this land to his son Gilbert Sheldon. There is recorded in York county a power of attorney dated December 7, 1715, from "Gilbert Sheldon, Esq., only son and heir at law of Daniel Sheldon, late of London, Esq.," to William Sheldon, of York county, Va., and others. And in 1719 is another power of attorney describing Gilbert Sheldon as "of Queen's Square in the county of Middlesex, Esq." Captain William Sheldon, of York county, married Katherine, daughter of Thomas Nutting, justice of peace for York, and had no issue.

[8] Edward Montague, Earl of Manchester (d. 1671), the noted Parliamentary general, but who had been active in bringing about the Restoration.

[9] Humphrey Henchman, Bishop of London.

[10] Sir Charles Berkeley, who had been eminently loyal to Charles I, was at the Restoration sworn of the Privy Council, and was afterwards treasurer of the household. He was a brother of Governor Sir William Berkeley. Two of the sons of Sir Charles Berkeley, Charles, created Earl of Falmouth, and Sir William, were killed at sea in successive years, 1665 and 1666, in action with the Dutch.

[11] Sir William Morris or Morrice, Secretary of State 1660-68, died 1676.

[12] Sir Thomas Ingram, member of the Privy Council, died 1671.

[13] "Pickaroons," privateers.

effectuall Care that next Spring all Such Shipping as are to returne for our Kingdome of England and Ireland Doe returne in one Fleet And that they Sett Saile together with the first oppertunity of Winds after the first of Aprill and not before nor yett Stay any longer for any that Shall have neglected to gett ready Soe Soone which you are by all meanes to presse them too and assist them by all the waies you can And whereas wee have found fitt to give the Same directions to the Governor or Deputy of Maryland, You are forthwith upon receipt hereof to take care that Matters be soe Conserted betweene you and the Governor or Deputy as that A Common Randez Vouz be by you appointed for Such Shipps as are in Virginia and Maryland Whither to come in order to their Setting Saile away together And Whereas wee have bene informed of the insecurety and opennesse of James River within that our plantacon Whereby if any men of Warr of our Enemies should come upon those Coasts All Ships rideing in that river would be exposed to great dainger Wee have therefore thought fitt hereby to Signefy our pleasure to you that you take Care that A good Fort be with all possible Speed built at the Mouth of the Said River for the Security of the Shipping within it And whereas Wee, are informed that A Certaine Duty is paid upon every hhd of tobb exported called Castle duty. Our will and pleasure is that the money be employed towards the raiseing the said Fort And that all such Moneys as have bene at any time Collected on that Amount be by you called for in whose hands Soever the Same shall be found to be forthw'th imployed for the use aforesaid And for the more orderly returne of the Said Shipps You shall before the Fleet Sett Saile by advice of the Companies in Genll appoint which of them Shall be Admirall Vice Admirall and Rere Admirall in their Voyage Directing the Said Admirall Vice Admirall and Rere Admirall that they doe keepe the aforesaid Fleet together in good Order, That they Stand by and defend one Another against the Enemy And that they Saile directly for Foyall one of the Western Islands Where God willing they shall not ffaile to finde advice from hence how to governe themselves & whether Further to Saile As alsoe A Convoy if necessary, but if by any accident they should not finde either Such Convoy or Such advice that then haveing Stayed there eight Daies They Sett Saile together for the Soundings Where if they Meet with none

of our Shipps to give them intelligence and Convoy They Shall touch at the first Port they can make in the West of this Kingdome And governe themselves according to such advices as they Shall there receave And if any of them be bound for Ireland Care shall be afterwards taken to putt them Safe into Such Port or Ports as they desire to goe to. In all Which Wee expect and requier yo'r greatest care diligence Willing and requireing All and Singuler the Masters and Comanders of Shipps And all others whom it may Concerne to Comply with Such Rules and orders as you shall prescribe to them in p'suance of this our Comand as they will answer the Contrary and if any Master or other officer of any Shipp shall be refractory and not Comply with these our Comands You shall by the best meanes you can endeavor to Compell them thereunto and punish them according to the offence Returneing their names hither to us or our Privey Councell to the end they may receave Due punishment for Such their Contempt. And soe wee bid you Farewell given at our Court at Oxen[14] the 4th Nobr 1665 in the 17th Yeare of our Reigne.

By his Ma'ties Command,

ARLINGTON.

Subscripcon:

To our Trusty & well beloved S'r Wm. Berkeley Kn't our Governor of our Plantacon of Virginia And in his absence to the Deputy Governor of our Said Plantacon.

Recorded: P Fra: Kirkman C Con.

ORDER FOR THE PROTECTION OF SHIPPING.

Charles R:

Trusty and Wellbeloved, wee greet you well, observing the great losse our good Subjects have Susteyned this last Sumer in their Voyage homewards from Virg'a by not keeping to those orders Wee had sent to you for their returne in one body and Fleet, Whereby Severall of them have fallen into the hands of the Dutch. And become A Prey to Single Pickaroons wee found fitt by our Letters of the 4th of this Instant to Comand

[14] The Court was then at Oxford on account of the great plague in London.

you to take effectual Care that next Spring all Such Shipping as are to returne for our Kingdome of England or Ireland doe returne in one Fleet and that they Sett Saile together with the first opp'tunety of Winds after the first of Aprill and not before nor yett Stay any longer, for any that Shall have neglected to gett ready Soe Soone which you are by all meanes to presse them too and to assist them in by all the Wayes you can. And directing among other things that they should Saile directly for Fyall one of the westerne Islands for advice, how thenceforth to Governe themselves, wee reflecting further upon that p'ticular have thought fitt to Write these our Second Letters hereby Willing and requireing That in Stead of Sailing for Fyall as by those Letters was directed, they goe directly to Cape Cleere where they are to expect Such orders and advice as shall be found necessary for their Direccons in their Returne home to their respective Ports, And that in other p'ticulars they governe themselves in all things as by those our Letters is Comanded, Whereof you are to give them hereby notice and to use your utmost care and Secrecy in the effectuall execution of our Pleasure and Comand in this Matter, And soe Wee bid you farewell. Given at our Court at Oxen [?] the 15th Day of No'ber, 1665, in the 17th yeare of our Reigne.

By his Ma'ties Command,

ARLINGTON.

To our Trusty and Wellbeloved
S'r Wm. Berkeley, Kn't, our Govern'r of Virg'a.

Recorded: P Fra: Kirkman, C Con.

ORDER IN REGARD TO FORTS, LETTERS OF MARQUE, &C.

Charles R:

Trusty and Welbeloved, Wee greet you well, although wee cannot doubt but that upon the Knowledge you have of the many Wrongs and Injuryes w'ch Wee and our subjects have suffered from those of ye United Provinces and the Constant evill mind they have borne to ye welfare and prosperitie of our Plantacons abroad, You have bin soe Carefull of those und'r your Comands as to put them into a more than ordinary posture

of Defence, yet because ye Indignities, Spoyles and Affronts they have done us have encreased lately to such a height as Leave us (after soe many demands and frequent instances made by us unto ye States Generall for satisfaction) acquire by the Lawes of Armes, Wee they have soe notoriously begun upon us on ye Coast of Guiny, De Ruither[15] being sent theither w'th twelve ships of War to destroy all our intrests in those parts as Wee have Cause, and suspect in his returne to invade all our shipping hee can meet w'th and Assault our Plantacon of Virg'a and all other our Colonyes and Plantacons, and und'rstanding further that a Considerable number of Private men of War are now preparing in Holland to bee sent towards our said Plantacons to seize and doe all the violence they can there, Wee have thought fitt out of our Princely Care and regard to the safety of that and those other places soe remote from Us to require you to use all possible dilligence for their securitie by Causeing fforts to bee built in all necessary places, and by all other meanes w'ch you shall find more expedient, and because some skilfull p'sons here have represented to Us necessitie of m'rchants ships bee haled neare the shore & stores Carried to the shore from whence forts and small shot may easely defend y'm, and Likewise that all such ships w'ch shall Come there bee enjoyned to sayle in Considerable numbers for there Common Security, and that then and even during their stay there, it will bee fitt some of ye most experienced officers have authoritie given them to Comand the rest, Wee have thought fitt hereby to authorize and impower you to doe therein w'h according to this or any other Emergences shall appeare to you to bee most for ye safty of y't of our plantacon & Navigacon of our merchants, and further, y't in all other matt'rs relating to ye jurisdiction of our most deare Brother ye Duke of Yorke our High Admirall of England you observe such ord'rs and Directions as you shall from tyme to tyme receive from him whom Wee have Commissionated to grant Lett'rs of Marq'e and Generall Reprisall against ye ships Goods, & subjects of ye states of ye United Provinces, conformable to which our will and pleasure is that you take & seize the ships, Vessells and goods bilonging to the said states or any their sub-

[15] De Ruyter, the great Dutch admiral.

jects or inhabitants within any their Territoryes, & to bring ye same to Judgm't of Condemnacon according to the Course of Admiralty & Lawes of Nations, And these our Lett'rs that you Communicate to all our forraigne Plantacons by sending Coppyes to ye same Effect, our Pleasure being that w'th all Care and application possible they arme themselves against the Dang'rs w'ch threaten y'm in the Conjuncture from such an Enimy, and proceed according to these our directions & such as they shall receive from our said most deare Brother, assuring them and all our Loveing subjects in those parts that wee shall not bee wanting in our parte on all occasions to helpe and succor them to ye utmost of our Power and to Contribute all possible meanes for ye secureity and improvement of their Trade and Commerce of all our Plantacons, and soe Wee bid you farewell. Given at our Court at Whitehall ye 27th Day of January, 1664-5.

By his Ma'ties Command,

HENRY BENNETT.

Recordat: P Fra Kirkman, Cl Con.

ORDERS IN REGARD TO SHIPS SAILING FROM VIRGINIA.

By his Ma'ties Gov'r and Capt. Genn'll of Virg'a:

Wheres I have bin Comanded by his Sacred Ma'ty to keepe those Ships that trade hether to Virg'a till they were of a Considerable Strength to resist any Casuall Enimy, And now there being thirty Ships, or nere y't Number ready to sett saile, and noe Londoners of ye 30 arrived here, being nere ready, This being as Considerable a strength as could bee Lookt for in this Conjuncture, not willing to stay them Longer (for noe Evident Advantage) to there Certaine p'rjuduce & ruine I doe according to his sacred Ma'ties Royall Comands Lycence ye said Ships to departe this Country, and doe straighly Charge and command them as his Ma'ty hath straightly charged and Commanded mee not to seperate till they shall arrive at Cape Cleare in his Ma'ties Kingdome of Ireland. Where if they meet w'th noe Convoy then to Continue their Course to ye next porte of ye said Kingdome of Ireland there to waite for such ord'rs and Convoyes as shall be appoynted either by his Sacred Ma'ty or their respective

Owners and that this ord'r may be more Effectually obeyed & put into Execucon, I doe by virtue of power given mee by his said most sacred Ma'tie hereby straightly charge & req'r all & Every of ye pr'sent M'rs and Comand'rs of ye fleet next and immediately to sayle from this Country exactly to observe and obey these ord'rs following·

1st. I doe constitute and appoynt Mr. Nicholas Lux Command'r of ye ship Concord of Bristoll to bee Admirall of the said ffleet untill such time they shall be und'r either a Convoy of his Ma'ties Ships or shall be safely harboured in the said kingdome of Ireland. Giveing the said Lux all necessary Power and Command ov'r ye said ffleet and Every parte thereof for ye Good & Safe Conduct of ye same to ye place, or places aforesaid.

2dly. I doe Appoynt Mr. Jn'o Scott Comand'r of ye Ship Stephen of Bristoll to be Vice Admirall, of the said ffleet with all Power subordinate to ye Admirall, necessary for, or belonging to a Vice Admirall in ye Like Ocassion.

3dly. I doe Constitute and appoynt Mr. Wm. Coulton Command'r of ye ship Agreement of Bristoll to bee Rere Admirall of the said ffleet with Power and authority as aforesaid.

4thly. I doe straightly Charge and Req'r all and Every ye Comand'rs of Ships in ye said ffleet to be obedient to ye said Officers in all things necessary for their defence against any Enimy y't shall Attaq y'm, and in all other things necessary for ye bett'r and more safe Conduct of ye said ffleet into ye place, or Places aforesaid.

And Lastly, I doe further straightly Charge, & Comand all as well officers as other inferiour Command'rs of the said ffleet not to seperate y'mselves one from another but to Keep together soe much as Possible Wind and Wether will permitt y'm, & that those who shall prove Light Saylors doe stay for those who sayle not so well untill it shall please God to bring them into a place of Safty as they will answer the Contrary to his sacred Ma'ties Court of Admiralty as their utmost P'ills and upon ye forfeiture of their bonds given here relating to the ord'r, and soe I wish them all safe to their respective ports. Given und'r my hand this first of May 1666. A Dmi Rs Carole 2'di 18°.

Signed WILLIAM BERKELEY.

Whereas in obedience to his most sacred Ma'ties comands there was an imbargo Layd on us the masters of the ffleet at pr'sent ready to sayle from ye Porte of Poynt Comfort in Virg'a not to departe from ye said Porte untill ye first of Aprell, and y'n to goe in one fleet w'th severall other restriccons & Comands more fully appearing in ye said Royall Comands to ye intent that wee should bee a force sufficient to defend our selves against any casuall enimy that might invade us in our home returne for w'ch Princely Care Wee doe most humbly thanke his sacred Ma'ty, and whereas the said imbargo retained us but till the first of Aprill, but there being at that time not a number of Ships sufficiently Considerable for force to secure themselves according to his said Ma'ties Royall Care and Comands, ye Gov'r and Councell of this his Ma'ties Colony of Virg'a taking ye same into their most serious Consideracon thought fitt, and did accordingly ord'r a further restraint upon ye ships trading hither untill ye Last of ye said month of Aprill to ye intent aforesaid whose care of us, and ships, and goods Committed to our trust wee must all acknowledge Now these are to declare and signefire to all to whom it may Concerne that ye said further Restrant for ye month of Aprill Layd on us by ye said Gov'r and Councell was a particular Care of us, and noe pr'judice to us there being none of us ready to sayle before said Last of Aprill, or very Little time before. In testimony where of Wee have here unto sett our hands this first of Aprill 1666.

Nicholas Lux Admirall.
Jn'o Scott Vice Admirall.
Wm. Coulton Rere Admirall.

Recordat: P Fra Kirkman Cl Co.

Letter in Regard to the Burning of London[16] and Danger from Pirates.

Capt. Jennings:

This Day aboute noone I received most deplorable Newes by the Way of Barbadoes of ye firing of London & that the

[16] The Great Fire which destroyed so much of old London, began September 2, 1666.

Seas are soe full of Pyrates that it is almost impossible for any Ship to goe home in safety. Therefore I req'r you in his Ma'ties Name that you Charge Capt. Groome not to departe till he have farthar Intelligence out of England, & I doe further desire you to take Witness of your delivering this Command & take a Coppy of this Lett'r, & if Capt. Groome desires it Lett him have a Coppy of it also, & assure him if hee departs contrary to this Restraint, I will send home my protest to his Owners and then ye danger will bee his as now it is Mine. I am soe afflicted with the Newes that I cannot write halfe I would.

Your friend and servant,

WILL. BERKELEY.

Jan'ry 6th, 1666-7, at Midnight.

The Superscription:

ffor My most Hon'd friend Capt. Peter Jennings aboard Capt. Groomes ship.

Hast, Hast, post, hast for his Ma'ties and the Countries service.

In Obedience to ye Gov'r Commands on ye 8th Instant I doe strictly charge Mr. Groome not to departe from ye porte of Yorke till further Ord'r and gave him a Coppy of this Lett'r attested by my selfe, Jan'ry 10th, 1666.

Recorded ye 15th Jan'ry, 1666.

SHIP'S BOND.

Bristoll.

These are to Certifie all whom this doth Concerne that Wm. Light, Command'r of the good ship Welcome [Seale] bound for Virg'a hath given bond of One Thousand pound to ye Use of his Ma'ty with sufficient surety not to stay above fourty dayes to unlade and Lade [Seale] (Wind and Wether permitting) Restraint of the King's Gov'r and Dang'r of the sea only excepted, returne with the said ship and full compliment of seamen heaving [?] into some porte of this Kingdome of England by ye 20th Day of Aprill next Ensueing the date hereof according to an

ord'r from his Ma'ty and Councell dated ye 21st day of November, 1666. Witness Our hands and Seales of Office this 4th Day of December, 1666, in the 18th yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lord Charles the second of England, Scotland, ffrance and Ireland, King, defend'r of the ffaith, &c.

Row Krupp, Coll. Isaac Morgan, Coll. Tho Jennings.

Recordat 9th ffebruary, 1666.

THE BURNING OF LONDON.

George Bell, aged 40 years or thereabouts, sworne, saith that Maj'r Bond comeing to ye said Bell's house on the 10th of this instant being Thursday, did declare that the third parte of London was burnt, and Whitehall sett on fire and that ye author of it was ye King's Mother, and she was fled and gon, ye King and Queene fled out of the Citty to Hampton Court, and further saith not.

ye m'rke of
GEORGE X BELL.

Sworne by mee this 27th of January, 1666. ffrancis Hobbs.

Recordat: P Wm. S. [?] White.

PASS FOR A SHIP.

James, Duke of Yorke & Albany, Earle of Ulster Lord High Admirall of England and Ireland & Constable of Dover Castle, Lord warden of ye Cinque ports and Gov'r of Portsmouth.

You are to p'rmit and suffer ye ship Welcome whereof Wm. Light is Master bound from Bristoll to Virginia, to proceed on her said Voyage without any Molestacon, not withstanding ye pr'sent Imbargo, and you are not to imprest into his Ma'ties service any of the Twenty Men hereund'r named belonging to the said ship, and this shall warrant your soe doeing. Given und'r my hand and Seale at St. James this 10th of September, 1666.

JAMES.

To all Vice Admirals and other officers of the Admiralty and to all Comand'rs of his Ma'ties ships and all others whom it may Concerne.

By Command of his Royal Highness.

W. COVENTRY.[17]

Recordat 9th ffeb'ry, 1666.

PASS FOR A SHIP.

(Seale) James Duke of Yorke and Albany, Earle of Ulster, Lord High Admirall of England and Ireland, Constable of Dover Castle, Lord Warden of ye Cinq Ports, and Governor of Portsmouth.

You are to p'mitt and suffer ye ship Rainbow whereof Robert Dapwell is Master, bound from Bristoll to Virginia to proceed on her said Voyage without any molestacon notwithstanding ye pr'sent Imbargoe, and you are not to Imprest into his Ma'ties service any of the twenty Men hereund'r named belonging to the said ship and this shall warrant your soe doeing. Given und'r my hand and seale at St. James this Tenth of September, 1666.

JAMES.

To all Vice Admiralls and other Officers of ye Admiraltie and to all Comand'rs of his Ma'ties ships and all other whom it may Concerne.

Robert Dapwell,	Thomas Normon,
John Trage,	Mathew Berrow,
Will Wacking,	Richard Wicker,
ffortum Twit,	Thomas Griffeth,

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[17] Sir William Coventry (died 1686, aged 60), to whom Pepys was so warmly attached, was the youngest son of Thomas, Lord Coventry. At the Restoration he was appointed Secretary to the Duke of York, in 1662 a privy councilor, and in 1667 a commissioner of the Treasury. He was forbid the Court for challenging the Duke of Buckingham and confined to the Tower. After his release he retired to the country and refused afterwards to hold any office. Burnet says he was the best speaker in the House of Commons and a man of "great notions and eminent virtues."

Thomas Borokin,	Phillip Jones,
John Calbin,	Thomas Randall,
Richard Sand'rs,	Silvestre Davies,
Martin Smith,	Thomas Masson,
Symon James,	Thomas Hancock.
Thomas Hallett,	

By Comand of his Royall Highness.

Recordat: 13th ffebruary, 1666, P Wm. S. White.

PASS FOR A SHIP.

(Seale) James, Duke of Yorke and Albany, Earle of Ulster, Lord High Admirall of England & Ireland, Constable of Dover Castle, Lord Warden of ye Cinq Ports and Governor of Portso, &c.

You are to permitt and suffer ye ship ffellowship of w'ch Jno. Lovering is Master, bound from Barnstaple to Virginia, to proceed on her said Voyage without any hinderance notwithstanding ye pr'sent Imbargoe, and You are not to imprest into his Ma'ties service any of ye ship's Company being sixteen Men whose names are hereund'r menconed ffor w'ch this shall bee your warrant. Given und'r my hand and seale at Whitehall this IXth of October, 1666.

JAMES.

To all Vice adm'lls & all other officers of the Admiraltie & all Com'rs of his Ma'ties ships & all others whom it may Concerne.

Jno. Watts,	Tobias Whitfeild,
Jno. Burting,	Mathew Dare,
Rob't Rowe,	Alex'r Snow,
Jonathan Hoos,	Tho. Kock,
Jno. Daines,	Jno. Herder,
Jno. Gwilliams,	Rob't Orilte,
Rich Hodge,	Ambrose Rice,
Rob't Herson,	Phillip Yro.

By Comand of his R. Highness. W. Coventrye.

Recordat: 25th ffeb'ry, 1666-7, P Wm. S. White.

ORDER FOR THE PROTECTION OF SHIPPING.

To our Trusty & welbeloved Sr. Wm. Barclay Knight Our Gov'r of our Colony of Virginia Charls R:

Trusty and well-beloved wee greet you well. Haveing observed that many of Our Ships of our good subjects in their returne from Our Plantacons in the West Indies have become a prey to the Dutch, Cheifly through their Comming from ye said Plantacons scattering and at uncertaine times, whereby they have come upon the Coasts of England, or Ireland at seasons when they have found none of our Ships of Warr there, whereas if there were certaine times prefixed & observed for their returne, care might bee taken to secure ye Coast at ye season of their arrivall by the ships extraordinary to bee imployed for that purpose, For prevention of which Wee found fitt ye last yeare to issue out certaine Rules & directions for the times and manner of their returne, which proved of good use to such as observed the same in their returne thence ye last year, Wee have therefore thought good out of our princely Care of ye good of our subjects to repeat the same Ord'rs this yeare also & to appoynt certaine Seasons in ye yeare at w'ch onely ships bee permitted to returne from Virginia to England, or Ireland, unless such as shall bee imployed for Our immediate service either as Men of War, or for carrying Packetts, or ye like extraordinary Occasions, which seasons Wee have thought fitt to bee ye 24th of March, ye 24th of June, and ye 24th of September, and Our will and pleasure is that You take Care that all such as shall bee ready to sayle at any of ye said times doe ent'r bond befor You to use their utmost Endeavours to Keep Company & defend Each other during their Voyage home ward, and for ye bett'r doeing thereof You are to appoynt One of ye Comand'rs of ye said ships to bee Admirall of ye ffleet whom the others are to observe and follow, that soe in care they bee attempted in their Voyage by any Capor,[18] or Capors they be in ye bett'r Condition to defend themselves, and if any shall be disobedient to these our Commands You are to Compell y'm to ye Observance thereof, and to punnish them in such Manner as may deterre others by their Example. You are

[18]A Caper was a small and fast sailing armed vessel.

urther to direct them that when they shall be nere the Coast of England, if they shall not have mett with some of Our ships of Warr in the soundings, by which they shall have understand ye Estate of Affairs with ye Dutch and bee from thence Encouraged to proceed to their respective ports that they Endeavour to touch at the first porte of England, their to receive furth'r informacon for their guidance, Which Wee recommend to your P'ticular Care to bee observed, Not Doubting of your Dilligence & cercumspcction in all ye other parts of Our service within Your trust for ye dissapoynting any designes Our Enimyes may have upon our good subjects, Our Countryes, and Territories in those parts As also for ye improveing all occasions of Adventage that may bee taken against any of Our Enimies, their Countryes, or subjects in this Counjuncture [?] of Affaires, And soe Wee bid You farewell. Given at our Court at Whitehall ye 15th Day of November in ye 18th yeare of Our Raigne 1666.

By his Ma'ties Comands.

ARLINGTON

Recordat: 23rd ffebruary, 1666-7, P Wm. S. White.

REVOLUTIONARY ARMY ORDERS

For the Main Army under Washington. 1778-1779.

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Head Quarters, April 4, 1778.

Brigadier Gen'l tomorrow Varnom.

F. O. L't Col'o Vost & Maj'r Summers Brig'e Major Teneyesk ——— Inspector from Gen'l Poors Brig'e.

The Brigade Commissaries are to make and exact Return of the horns[1] delivered the Q. M. General agreeable to the Orders

[1] Powder horns.